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TAGS: NATO, MILI, MOPS

SUBJECT: TANK GUN PRESS GUIDANCE

REF: BONN 0632 DTG 121737Z JAN 78

1. YOU MAY ADVISE ALLIED OFFICIALS THAT PLANS ARE BEING MADE TO INFORM THE FRG, UK AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TANK GUN DECISION BEFORE IT IS MADE PUBLIC.
2. SUGGEST FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE BE USED UNTIL DOD DECISION IS MADE PUBLIC. BEGIN TEXT:
THE EVALUATION OF THE THREE TANK GUNS IS STILL UNDERWAY.
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THE FIRING TRIALS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE DATA OBTAINED ARE NOW BEING EVALUATED. THE EVALUATION IS BASED ON A VARIETY OF CRITERIA, INCLUDING WEAPON PERFORMANCE, CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE GROWTH POTENTIAL, THE NATURE OF THE EVOLVING THREAT, AND COST. THE US DOD WILL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN IT HAS REACHED ITS FINAL DECISION, SCHEDULED FOR NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1. END TEXT.

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